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APPROVED

MINUTES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING

October 25, 2018

Wastewater Treatment Plant

7:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Chairman E. Ray Weaver, Andrew Tedford, and John Anderson. Also present Robert I. Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Matthew Daskal, Financial Analyst; Steve Seigal, Vice President, Tighe & Bond; and Tim Webb, Ellington WPCA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Grasis asked to add an agenda item relative to scheduling a joint public hearing with the Town Council, as well as a Special Sewer Authority meeting, for the proposed water pollution control facility upgrade. He and Mr. Daskal explained the purpose and procedures for both the hearing and special meeting. Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mr. Anderson, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority schedules a joint public hearing with the Vernon Town Council on December 4, 2018 for the proposed water pollution control facility upgrade. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0). Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mr. Anderson, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority schedules a Special Meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority on December 4, 2018, following the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MINUTES OF THE WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Tedford made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the September 27, 2018 Regular Meeting as presented. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

UPDATE ON TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE

Mr. Seigal said that Tighe & Bond has been reviewing the 75% cost estimate for the design phase which will soon be submitted to the Town. Tighe & Bond is also working toward the 90% complete design for the upgrade, which is expected to be presented to the Town and DEEP next month, he said. Mr. Daskal and Mr. Seigal explained how state and federal grants, as well as low interest loans, will help fund the upgrade. A discussion took place regarding the estimated cost of the upgrade.

APPROVAL OF THIRD MODIFICATION OF INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF VERNON AND THE VERNON W.P.C.A. AND THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON AND THE ELLINGTON W.P.C.A.

Mr. Grasis provided background information on this item. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Tedford made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority approves, as presented, the Third Modification of Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town of Vernon and the Vernon W.P.C.A. and the Town of Ellington and the Ellington W.P.C.A. dated July 1, 2003, as modified July 27, 2005, April 12, 2013 and September 15, 2017, to be signed by the Mayor. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

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Mr. Grasis said that there is nothing to present at this time because additional information is needed. Two quotes have been received for the proposed work and Mr. Grasis said that he is working with North Central District Health Department regarding information about the septic systems.

PLANT SUMMARY

Mr. Boske reported that the plant is running well; biological oxygen demand removal was 99.2%; nitrogen was lower in September than last September, and phosphorus removal has been steady. Mr. Grasis reported that activities at the treatment plant included: the aeration blowers were assessed and the report will be forthcoming; chlorine season ended October 1st; the fire control panel passed annual inspection; a list of obsolete equipment was submitted to finance for disposal; a class took place for the care of emergency generators; work to replace the Talcottville generator has begun and is expected to be completed by early December; the new collection technician started October 1st and the new assistant lab technician started as well. Also, Mr. Grasis said that Swiss Cleaners will be attending a future meeting to present information relative to evaporation rates and sewer use fees.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Mr. Daskal reported that the October 1st billing cycle is concluding and the new utility billing software should be in place for the April 2019 bills. He said that there has been a positive response to the bi-annual billing.

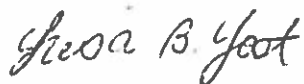
ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Mr. Grasis referenced a Journal Inquirer article dated October 5, 2018 regarding a referendum related to the upgrade. He said that the information session dates have changed since the article's publication. The Authority reviewed and edited a draft flyer regarding upcoming information sessions and the proposed improvements to the treatment facility.

ADJOURN

Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mr. Anderson made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost
Secretary, Water Pollution Control